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power. They differ only as to the means to be employed to ward off the dangers which they believe threaten the integrity of their empire. The author gives many quotations from recent writings of the Progressivists, who keenly dissect the weaknesses of their country and point clearly to the dangers of longer adherence to the policy of ages. He does not venture to prophesy how it will all end, but says it behooves the Western nations to see that the gulf between them and the Chinese becomes narrower rather than wider; and he believes the influence of Japan upon her neighbour is not tending toward this desirable end.

*Geografia della Colonia Eritrea.* By Captain A. Mulazzani. 146 pp., 52 illustrations, and a map. Florence: R. Bemporad & Figlio, 1904.

This handbook is a concise and excellent summary of the geographical features of Eritrea, its climate, resources, towns, tribes, languages, and history, including the war with the Emperor Menelek and the various boundary disputes. The Government organization is outlined, and the meaning of many words in the Abyssinian, Arabic, and other languages used in the geographical nomenclature is defined. The book is worthy of an English rendering as an adequate though brief account of the little colony, whose great diversity of altitudes gives it temperate as well as torrid conditions. The map, unfortunately, is on so small a scale that many place-names mentioned in the text are not found on it.

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#### NOTES AND NEWS.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SOCIETY will be held at Mendelssohn Hall, No. 119 West Fortieth Street, on Tuesday, December 20, 1904, at 8.30 o'clock P.M.

Mr. Alfred H. Brooks, of the U. S. Geographical Survey, will address the Society on the Exploration of Alaska.

MR. F. H. NICHOLS IN INDIA.—After a few weeks' stay in Burma, Mr. Nichols entered Bengal, and at the date of the last letter received from him (October 7) was at Darjiling, where he had the pleasure of meeting Col. Younghusband, lately returned from Lhasa. Darjiling is not much more than 40 miles to the southwest from Chumbi on the border of Tibet.

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U. S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES. DECISIONS, NOVEMBER 2, 1904.—ANTHONY; ponds (chain of three), tributary to Long Lake near foot, Hamilton County, N. Y. (Not S. Anthony nor St. Anthony.)